(c) whether any effort would now be made to restructure the Vayudoot or any other airlines to reduce the inconvenience of travelling public; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Most of the services earlier operated by Vayudoot cannot be taken over by the Indian Airlines because the runways at those airports and the traffic demand to those places are not suitable for the type of aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines, namely, Airbus A-300, Airbus A-320 and Boeing 737.

(c) and (d) Government is considering various options regarding the future set up of Vayudoot. At the same time, Government is encouraging private air taxi operators to provide more air services.

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PRATAPGANJ BIRPUR RAILWAY LINE (NER)

974. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) wheher the Union Government have sanctioned the new rail line from Pratapganj station to Birpur in the North-Eastern railway;

(b) if so, whehter land has been acquired for this rail line; and

(c) if so, the time by which the construction work will be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

EXPANSION OF COMPUTERISATION IN RAILWAYS

975. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the various programmes being implemented for the expansion of computerisation in railways in the current financial year;

(b) the achievements made in regard to computerisation during 1990-91; and

(c) the extent of computerisation in Eastern and North-Eastern Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The details of various programmes for computerisation to be taken up during the current financial year are as under :—

(i) Computerisation of Passenger Reservation Systems at 8 stations, viz., Varanasi, Jodhpur, Agra, Vadodara, Nagpur, Surat, Tiruchi and Coimbatore;

(ii) Computerised onward and return journey facilities between Madras and Secunderabad;

(iii) Development of in-house maintenance expertise for the Hardware for reservation computer segment at Bombay;

(iv) Installation of divisional computerised management information systems on two divisions, viz., Hyderabad and Jodhpur;

(v) Installation of micro processor based self printing ticketing machines at Delhi;

(vi) Computer based global enquiry at Delhi;

(vii) Computerised parcel handling system at Delhi;

(viii) Computerised claims information systems on Northern, Eastern, Western and South Central Railways;

(ix) Computer aided design facilities on Southern and South Eastern Railways;

(x) Computerised Management Information System in 10 Stores Depots;

(xi) Computerised Railway Receipts System at 2 coal depots and one Oil-refinery; and

(xii) Installation of Personal Computers in few administrative offices.

(b) The achievements in regard to computerisation during 1990-91 are as under :—

(i) Computerisation of Passenger Reservation Systems at 11 stations, viz., Patna, Gorakhpur, Jammu Tawi, Trivandrum, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Pune, Allahabad, Guwahati, Jaipur and Kanpur.

(ii) Net-working of different Passenger Reservation Systems computers on IR—work commenced.

(c) The extent of computerisation on Eastern and North Eastern Railways is as under :—

(i) Eastern Railway :

— Computerisation of Passenger Reservation System at Calcutta, Dhanbad and Patna.

— Zonal Electronic Data Processing System in Zonal Headquarters at Calcutta.

— Divisional Computerisation Systems at Asansol and Danapur.

— Workshop Management System at Kanchrapara, Jamalpur and Liluah.

— Stores Depots at Liluah.

— Coaching Cabinet System at Calcutta.

— Personal computers in administrative offices.

(ii) North Eastern Railway :

— Computerised Passenger Reservation System at Gorakhpur and Lucknow.

— Zonal Electronic Data Processing System in Zonal Headquarters at Gorakhpur.

— Divisional Computerisation at Lucknow and Varanasi.

— Stores Depot at Gorakhpur and Izatnagar.

— Claims Information System at Gorakhpur.

— Personal Computers in administrative offices.

EXPLORATION FOR OIL AND GAS IN BIHAR

976. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the places in Bihar where oil and gas exploration is being conducted by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission and since when;

(b) the details of the success achieved;

(c) whether the ONGC has used latest technology for this work;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of schemes and clear-cut policy proposed by the Government in the current financal year to expedite the exploration with the assistance of foreign and Indian Companies ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) At Kadmaha in West Champaran District since 16-9-90. So far no hydrocarbons have been found.

(d) The latest technology for seismic survey, drilling and logging has been used.

(e) Government have approved the Fourth Round of Bidding under which Indian and International Companies would be invited for exploration and exploitation of the oil and gas.

ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS TO AUTHORISED AND UNAUTHORISED COLONIES IN DELHI

977. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of POWER